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FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

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## Panamaians Fear Invasion

**Rumor That Three Thousand Colombian Troops Are on the March.**

**U. S. Gunboats Reconnoitre the Coast on Both Sides of Isthmus.**

**Expeditions to Destroy Canoes and Boats to Prevent Landing Parties.**

### MR. BRYAN'S TRAVELS.

Paris, Dec. 7.—Wm. J. Bryan was received by President Loubet this afternoon. Mr. Bryan will leave Paris tomorrow evening for Switzerland.

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first regular session of the 63rd Congress began at noon today, but the Senate sat half an hour previous to that time in accordance with the adjournment of Saturday last for the purpose of permitting an orderly termination of the called session.

### BANK OF MONTREAL.

President At Annual Meeting Views With Gratification West's Prospects.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal was held at noon today. The president, Senator Geo. A. Drummond, in his annual address, dwelt at length on the great possibilities of Western Canada, and took an optimistic view of the future of that part of the Dominion.

### PRESIDENT WILL NOT ACT.

Refuses to Interfere in Labor Troubles in Colorado Coal Fields.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt again today declined to interfere in the strike now existing in the Telluride district of Colorado. He will not go so far as yet at this time, as to order an investigation into conditions.

An appeal from the Western Federation of Miners was presented to the president today by Senators Teller and Patterson of Colorado, urging him to immediately investigate the conditions in the San Juan and Cripple Creek districts of Colorado.

News received by cable from Buena

Ventura says that all is quiet there, and that there is no indication to move troops in any direction. The Colombian gunboat Bogota, which is still at Buena Ventura without coal, is considered quite harmless.

The United States supply ship Culgoa has arrived here.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie will tomorrow land a company of marines, who will go into camp at Empire station near Culebra, Cuba. The battleship Maine is coaling near Bocas del Tore.

Following instructions received December 4th from the navy department at Washington, United States gunboats on both sides of the Isthmus have started out starting on reconnoitering ex-

peditions along the coasts, principally in the direction of Colombia for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of the trails and roads between the Panamanian and Colombian frontiers and facilities of the country for sustaining expeditions marching on Panama and to generally determine the United States' best course of action in case of a Colombian invasion of the Isthmus, and also to learn the attitude of the various Indian tribes inhabiting these countries.

The United States cruiser Atlanta has gone to San Blas for this purpose and probably will continue to the Gulf of Darien. Another vessel will be sent to San Miguel, on the Pacific, and to David, also on the Pacific, but toward Costa Rica to secure the local authorities at Chiriqui and make a show of force if it is thought necessary and study the possibilities of Colombia's landing small schooner expeditions at Chiriqui from southern points.

The Panamanian authorities are aiding these efforts. They have sent out several parties on both sides of the Isthmus and seek information and watch possible movements on the part of Colombia.

No reports have yet been received from these parties to indicate that any warlike preparations are taking place.

Panamanian expeditions on the Pacific

are destroying canoes, etc., found in the rivers for the purpose of hindering the movements of Colombians who might come down the river.

The United States cruiser Atlanta is of great importance and interest in connection with the rumors of Colon of the departure of the Colombian soldiers for the Isthmus of Panama. The Gulf of Darien is about 180 miles east of Colon, and the cruiser in those waters will enable the Atlanta's commander to keep in close touch with the developments at Cartagena, from whence place it is rumored that soldiers are to march.

United States naval officials decline to say whether the despatch of the Atlanta is the result of any intimacies of war-like operations on the part of Colombia. Nevertheless the departure of the vessel is regarded as a significant indication of the intention of the United States to be on the alert.

To the Colombians at Washington the reports from Colon produced a mystifying effect. They will not say whether they believe the rumors or not. The Colombians believe there are three thousand or more soldiers at Cartagena and at various points along the sea coast available for an invasion of the isthmus.

The commissioners from the Department of Bolivar who came to Washington to learn the attitude respecting the isthmus, will leave New York for Colombia Saturday. They will sail from Cartagena. They have secured an "all statement" of the condition of affairs.

The Associated Press correspondence from Colon, giving an account of the events on the Isthmus of Panama at the time of the revolution, was eagerly read by General Reyes and his associates here. General Reyes said tonight that the acts of Colonel Torres in accepting money for embarking his troops is now under inquiry in Cartagena.

## BAD HABIT

Is that of mixing drink

but

## A GOOD HABIT

Is that of mixing yours

drinks with

Thorpe's Pale

Dry

Ginger Ale.

## Legislative Assembly

**Yesterday Was Devoted to Much Hard Work in Committee.**

**Night Sessions Began Last Evening And Will Be Continued.**

**Million Dollar Loan Bill Read a Third Time And Passed.**

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:20 p.m.

Prayers were read by the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A.

### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were received:

From the city of Vancouver, for a private bill to amend their corporate Act, No. 2.

From G. W. Hobson and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver Engineering Company, No. 4.

The following petitions were presented and received:

By Mr. Bowser, from the city of Vancouver, for a private bill for enlarged corporate powers for the purchase or expropriation of lands in False Creek, No. 3.

From Mr. Gifford, from J. Warren Bell and many others, holders of special licences to cut timber. Asking amendment to Land Act, re such licences.

### REPORTS.

Mr. F. C. Cotton presented the first report of the select standing committee on Private Bills.

Legislative Committee Room, December 7th, 1903.

Mr. Speaker:

Your select standing committee on private bills and standing orders beg leave to report as follows:

That the time limited for the presentation of petitions for private bills be extended to January 22nd, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of private bills be extended until the 22nd January, 1904.

That the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until January 29th, 1904, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON, Chairman.

The report was received, and the standing orders having been suspended the report was adopted.

### MOTION.

Mr. Fraser introduced a bill to amend the "Pharmacy Act." Read a first time; second reading next sitting.

Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to amend the "Municipal Clauses Act." The bill was read a first time; second reading next sitting.

Mr. Evans moved: That an order of the House be granted for return showing what lands in Cowichan district were assessed as wild lands for the years 1902 and 1903, by whom such taxes were paid and the amounts so paid. Carried.

Dr. King moved: That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of information given to Bullock-Webster re investigation of East Kootenay hotel license." Also copies of all correspondence in respect to this matter. Also copies of Mr. Webster's report. Carried.

### BILLS.

On motion of the finance minister the report of bill No. 2 (to borrow one million dollars) was adopted, and the bill was read a third time. The bill then passed.

The report of bill No. 11 (to amend the Revenue Tax Act, 1901), was adopted, the bill read a third time and passed. The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Coal Mines Act, Mr. Clifford chairman.

Mr. Brown (Greenwood) moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. McNevin (Victoria), that clause 3, regarding the prospectors' license fee, which it is proposed to raise from \$50 to \$100, stand as it is. Mr. Brown thought it would be folly to raise the fee, as it would discourage the development of the resources of the province. He thought that work would harden the prospector, and that it would not help to encourage him.

The chief commissioner said the hon. member had evidently not studied the bill. The prospector went out and found the land first, and then came and got his license. It was a perfectly fair prospectus. If a coal or petroleum deposit were worth anything at all it was worth \$100.

Mr. Oliver complained that the prospecting fee was higher than the cost of leases.

The chief commissioner said it seemed to him quite clear that the government should get \$100 for the license, for when a prospector considered a piece of land valuable enough to work it was certainly worth paying \$100 for.

The commissioner moved in amendment to section 7 of the act, that the word "fifty" be struck out and the words "one hundred" be substituted therefor, and adding the words "and petroleum" after the word "coal" in line 5. The leaving of the clause as in the original act was merely an oversight. This made a new section, and it passed.

Mr. Brown's amendment was lost, 18 to 16.

The chief commissioner moved to strike out the words "chief commissioner of lands and works" in line 1, clause 4, and substitute therefor, "the Lieutenant Governor in Council." The opposition hailed the amendment with applause. Mr. McNevin complimenting the hon. chief commissioner on his action. The amendment passed, Mr. Houston alone dissenting with a stentorian "No," and a call for names, to the amusement of the House.

The committee rose and reported the bill completed with amendments.

### THE ASSESSMENT ACT.

The House went into committee on the whole on the Assessment Act, Mr. Clifford in the chair.

Sub-section 14 of section 2 was amended by the addition of the words "polled" and "before" the words "horned cattle."

Mr. Tanner moved in amendment to sub-section 4 of section 4, to strike out the words "one year" preceding the words "public schools." agricultural societies and other bodies often had more than one acre, and not additional in a very good position to pay, to add another in the hall. He urged that the words mentioned should be struck out.

Hon. Mr. Wilson drew attention to

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### SPANISH ELECTORAL REFORM.

Madrid, Dec. 7.—A law compelling men to vote is among the legislation which the new cabinet intends to introduce. The ministers propose to extend generally with electoral reform, and one of the clauses of the bill will make it compulsory for every elector to exercise his right of the elective franchise.

### ENGINEER TORN TO PIECES.

Caught in Belting and Drawn Into Machinery With Fearful Result.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Fred. Clifton, a native of Saginaw, Mich., head engineer of the Berlin beet sugar refinery, was caught in the belt and dragged into the machinery this morning and torn to pieces. The remains had to be picked up and deposited in a basket.

### WRECK IDENTIFIED.

Vessel Lost Near Cape Ray Saturday Night and Crew Perished.

St. John's, Newfoundland, Dec. 7.—The vessel which was wrecked on Ferryland head, near Cape Ray, during a furious storm at midnight last Saturday, proves to be the Danish schooner Sigrid Petersen, from Alicante, Spain, for St. John's. Her crew of five persons perished and their bodies were washed ashore.

### WEARING OF UNION BUTTONS.

Chicago Street Car Men Display Union Insignia on

## Bricklayers Will Get More Pay

Those on Corporation Work Get Raise From \$5 to \$6 on Sewer Extension.

Weiler Bros. Prefer Claim For Damages Done to James Bay Property.

With the exception of a quantity of routine business which engaged the attention of the aldermen at their regular weekly meeting yesterday evening, the most important matter dealt with was the request of the Bricklayers' Union that the wages paid the bricklayers employed on sewer work be raised from \$5 per thousand to \$6 per thousand, the request was acceded to.

Major McCandless presided, and there were present also; Alexander Kinsman, Chairman of the Vincent, Goodacre, Stewart and Dinsdale.

J. P. Walls gave notice that Weiler Bros. claimed \$7,000 damages for loss of property by the filling in of the James Bay flats. Referred to streets committee and city assessor for report.

Wm. L. Magee, for the deputy minister of marine and fisheries, wrote as follows:

Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, 28th Nov., 1903.

Sir: The Hon. John S. Helmcken, of Victoria, B. C., who obtained a grant from the Dominion government of a water lot in Victoria harbor immediately adjacent to the city lots, Nos. 1,367, 1,368, and 1,369, and containing by measurement sixty-two-hundredths of an acre, is now applying for an extension of the said water lot some thirty feet further into the harbor, which will give him an additional water area of twelve hundredths of an acre.

As an extension further into deep water might be serious impediment to navigation in so confined a space as Victoria harbor, the department will be obliged if you will submit the present application to the city council of Victoria for their consideration and favor me with their views thereon.

WM. L. MAGEE,  
For Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The City Clerk, Victoria, B. C.  
This was also referred to the streets committee for report.

James Parrott, secretary of the Bricklayers' Union, said the scale, \$5 per thousand, was insufficient, and asked that the day labor system be dropped or the scale advanced to \$6 per thousand. Laid on the table.

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J. W. Davis, calling attention to the condition of the sidewalk on the south side of Simcoe street, between Rendall and Oswego streets.

Hooper & Watkins, requesting that the sidewalk on the west side of Gordon street be repaired.

In the case of Hawksby's complaint, Ald. Grahame asked that the matter be referred to the streets committee.

J. G. Elliott, secretary of the Board of Fire Underwriters, urged that extra precautions be taken during the holiday season to prevent the outbreak of fire, referred to the chief of the fire department.

A petition from residents of the Work estate on those streets affected by the Victoria & Sidney Railway tracks, asked for the widening of First avenue, offering to pay a share of the cost. Ald. Dinsdale favored the petition, which was referred to the streets committee.

Residents of Oakland district asked for electric lights on Cedar Hill road. Ald. Grahame suggested the petitioners be informed the engineering council would be advised to adjust the matter. Ald. Dinsdale concurred, and the petition was received.

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Recommended that a drain be put in on the south side of Yates street, between Douglas and Blanchard streets. Estimated cost \$100.

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EIGHTY THOUSAND REDUCED.  
Cut in Wages of Cotton Operatives Now Affects Large Numbers.

Boston, Dec. 7.—The wages of 16,000 cotton mill operatives were reduced about 10 per cent today. New Bedford, Fitchburg, Baltic, Conn.; Taftville, Conn.; Fisherville, Mass., and Pawtucket, R. I. The total number of mill operatives who have had their pay lowered during the present commercial crisis is now about \$9,000. Five thousand additional operatives in Berkshire county have been given notice that their pay will be cut next. Most of the mills which have participated in the cut to date follow the course of the Fair Haven schedule adopted November 30th. Of the operatives affected by today's notice about 12,000 are employed in New Bedford.

**REPORT DENIED.**

Rumored Shooting of Actress by Princess Elizabeth at Prague is False.

New York, Dec. 7.—The authorities here deny the report that the Princess Elizabeth of Windisch-Graetz, wife of Prince Otto of Windisch-Graetz, and granddaughter of the Emperor of Austria, shot and killed an actress recently at Prague because she found the latter in the apartments of the Prince.

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## Annual Dinner Of Native Sons

Large Gathering at Hotel Victoria Spend Most Enjoyable Evening.

Past Chief Factor Makes Most Amusing Speech---Good Music.

The Native Sons of British Columbia held their fifth annual dinner last evening at the Hotel Victoria. A large number were present and a most enjoyable time was spent by the members and their invited guests. The decoration of the tables was simple but very effective, vases of beautiful yellow and white chrysanthemums, interspersed with pots of palms, had a most enlivening effect. Chief Factor Thomas Watson, President, and Richard Hall, M. P. P., Charles Redfern, George Hall, and G. E. Graham, all occupied seats on either side of the chairman. Mr. Allan Graham was also present. The menu was tasty and the service left nothing to be desired. Mine Host Leeson scored quite a triumph in the catering line, and was the recipient during the evening, from many speakers, of very high compliments for the excellent repast provided. Messrs. Sehl and Bantley enlivened the proceedings with many musical selections.

Mine Host Leeson, in a speech which he delivered at a dinner given to him in Turin, said that his new opera "Vestilia" was finished. He declared that he would not give it to any impresario.

BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Atlantic Liner on Voyage Communicated With This Morning.

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CONVICT COUNTERFEITERS.

Prisoners and Guards Accused of Making Spurious Money.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Alvin Strue, formerly a watchman in the Eastern penitentiary, was arrested on a charge of aiding convicts to make counterfeit silver coin in the prison. Secret service officers and eleven penitentiary prisoners are implicated.

BLOODHOUNDS IN USE.

Sheriff Takes Dogs to Track Miscreants in Colorado.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 7.—A sheriff and posse with bloodhounds went on a special locomotive to Primero in response to a message saying that five non-union miners had been ambushed. One of the non-union party was shot in the foot, but made his way to Primero and gave the alarm. He did not know if the rest of the non-union men had been killed or wounded, but they had not arrived at Primero.

WILL GO HUNGRY.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Big restaurants in wholesale and shopping districts of San Francisco will close today and not reopen until the present strike of union cooks and waiters has been adjusted. When they are reopened it will be on a non-union basis. This action was decided upon yesterday at a meeting of the Restaurant Keepers' Association, which has about 70 members. About two hundred smaller non-union restaurants will close out of sympathy for the movement.

IN EXCHEQUER COURT.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—(Special)—Judgment was given in the Exchequer court today in Oliver Johnson vs. the King. This was a petition of right that had been brought for loss of certain horses supplied to the crown for the purpose of competing in the trials for the construction of the Athabasca telegraph line in the season of 1900. The horses had to be killed in the season when there was no food for them. The supplier recovers damages for \$600 and costs.

ALAN GRAHAM, secretary of the Pioneer Society, thanked the Chief Factor and the members of the Post for their courtesy in inviting him, and told of the formation of the Pioneer Society in 1871. He told of the discovery of gold in Omicrona by the pioneers, and later of gold in the Yukon, and he claimed that the claims there were "jumped" by prospectors subsequently. Referring to the proposed railway, he said that the line would be built through the Great Bend country and it would take six weeks to get there by way of the present town of Revelstoke, while one could get there from Revelstoke in three hours. He used these examples to show the difficulties which the men had to overcome, and called on the young men to emulate their forefathers and not be daunted by difficulties.

C. E. Redfern, after thanking the society for the honor they had given him in asking him to respond, spoke of the distinguished position one of the native sons who were still unmarried to be quick and follow the Divine injunction. He drew some comparisons between Victoria forty years ago and today. He told of the first time he took to the trail, where the Hudson's Bay Company were the whole thing, and drew comparisons with the elections of today.

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HOW TO PREVENT CROUP.

Fall River, Dec. 7.—A curtailment of production has been ordered at the Chase cotton mills, orders having been received to run but three days a week. The mills employ seven hundred hands, and since the adoption of the new wage scale there has been a daily payroll of \$7,500. The mills, under such conditions, have an annual production of 26,000,000

# Xmas Gifts

B. Williams &amp; Co.,

## Particulars Of Canners Congress

A Big Conference Planned By  
the Americans to Take Place  
In February.

Question of the Establishment  
of An International Sockeye  
Hatchery.

There will probably be represented at the Salmon Fisheries Congress to be convened in Seattle on February 23rd next, all the salmon fishing and canning firms operating on the Pacific Coast from Alaska to California, including those doing business in British Columbia. Notices of the projected congress have been scattered all along the coast. Cannerymen have been told all about the big meeting the objects for which it has been called, and the probable results to be obtained have been outlined fully.

Charged with the duty of enlisting the attention of every person in any manner interested in the salmon fishing and packing industries, Mr. H. C. Fassett, of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce and Labor, has by no time in communication with every salmon canning and fishing firm and association from Ketchikan to San Francisco.

In his communications to British Columbia cannerymen Mr. Fassett very thoroughly explains why the meeting is being called, and he also gives the reason for the desire to have the convention take place in Seattle. He points out that as the majority of those who will be in attendance are Americans, and as the United States Congress has practically announced that it will appropriate ample funds to provide for the payment of the expenses of all the delegates, it is only reasonable that the congress should take place in an American city. Seattle is one of the most centrally located, everything taken into consideration, and that is the reason it has been chosen.

Everything which in any manner pertains to the salmon fishing and packing industries, and which in any way requires consideration, will come before the gathering for discussion.

One of the most important matters to be dealt with is probably that of the question of the canners of the State of Washington being given permission by the Dominion government to erect and maintain a large hatchery on the Fraser river. There is now no doubt whatever that the canners across the line fully realize that if the Pacific Sound catch of sockeye is to be kept up the stock from which it is drawn will have to be replenished artificially.

Such a congress of the representatives of capital interested in the salmon fishing and packing industries has never before been called in the history of the trade on the Pacific Coast.

As planned by those who are now working to make the big meeting a success, the sessions will occur daily, extending over a period of twelve days. It is intended that the first two days shall be entirely given over to the formation of an association or congress, such as formal organization, election of officers, etc., and that the remaining time shall be taken up by the discussion of matters of general interest to canners all along the Pacific Coast. It is planned to make the congress a power.

The attendance will be anywhere from a thousand to fifteen hundred, and every man at the sessions will be practically connected with the business. It is considered more than likely that after the initial meeting there will be a gathering annually.

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## A SENSATIONAL CASE IN COURT

Executors of Blackie Estate  
Sued In New Westminster For  
Four Thousand Dollars.

A somewhat sensational case has been in progress before Mr. Justice Irving and a special jury yesterday and today. The New Westminster Columbian says the New Westminster Columbian. It is an action brought by Mr. A. E. Rand against the Rev. T. Scouler and Mr. J. W. Rae, executors of the Blackie estate to recover on a note for \$4,000, purporting to have been given to Mr. Dean, a former resident of New Westminster by the late Mr. Blackie in 1896.

In suit, Mr. Blackie purchased from Mr. Dean a block of land and building on Columbia street, and, as set out in the plaintiff's statement, gave therefore a cheque for \$8,000 and a note for \$4,000, payable four years from date.

On the back of this note is an endorsement to the effect that it was not to be used, discounted or dealt with in any way.

The note, in due course, passed into the hands of Mr. A. E. Rand, who presented it to Mr. Blackie's executors. The note was repudiated by them and a defence is set up that the note is a forgery, or as an alternative, has been already paid by the cheque for \$8,000 referred to.

This cheque has not been produced.

The two San Francisco experts engaged in the case differ in their evidence, one declaring the signature to the note to be genuine and the other saying it is a forgery. Other expert evidence has been given by Messrs. Carrasco and Dr. Mr. Holliver, of the Bank of Montreal. The first two said the signature was genuine and Mr. Holliver declined to say whether it was or not.

The hearing is likely to continue for some time yet. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, with Mr. Corbould, is appearing for the plaintiff, and Mr. Aylay Morrison, with Mr. Whiteside, for the defense.

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## Home Nursing Society Meets

Proceedings at Annual Gathering  
Held On Thursday  
Last.

Reports of Officers And Other  
Business Transacted at  
Session.

The following, being the continuation of the report of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Home Nursing Society, was crowded out of Sunday's Colonist:

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Following is a statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1903:

Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1902	\$152.82
Subscriptions .....	161.25
Donations .....	1.69
Collections—	
Mrs. Brooker .....	210.50
Mrs. Redfern .....	51.35
Mrs. Royds .....	80.90
Mrs. Le Page .....	18.00
Discount .....	2.00
	\$781.77

Expenditure.

Nurses salary .....	\$385.00
Expenditure .....	51.35
Telephone .....	30.75
Car fares (nurse) .....	7.75
Stoelth .....	22.50
Janitor .....	3.00
Home Sewing Society .....	10.00
Printing reports .....	3.50
Advertising .....	2.20
Telegrams .....	3.85
Postage (for L.C.W.S.) .....	2.50
Stamp .....	3.50
Expressage .....	2.50
Balance in bank .....	252.67
Cash in hand .....	3.50
	\$781.77

Memo:  
Cash in savings bank. (\$5d.) EDITH C. PEIRIN  
Secretary-treasurer.  
November 30th, 1903.

Examined and found correct,  
(Sgd.) JAS. L. RAYMUR,  
Dec. 1, 1903.

Per Mrs. Brooker (annual): Mrs. F. D. Redfern, Mrs. Dunnison, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. J. McQuade, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. B. W. Pearce, Mrs. T. R. Smith, Mrs. H. J. Scott, Mrs. Troup, Mrs. Wilson, Hon. W. Hamley, Monthly: Miss Archibald, Mrs. J. Becker, Mrs. B. Brown, Mrs. C. Brash, Mrs. W. Bryce, Mrs. W. Broadbent, Mrs. G. Butler, Mrs. T. Diamond, Mrs. H. Cooke, Mrs. J. Chappell, Mrs. G. Carne, Mrs. Cathcart, Mrs. W. Cameron, Mrs. H. Dean, Mrs. W. Denby, Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mrs. J. Douglas, Mrs. J. P. Elford, Mrs. T. Elford, Mrs. J. H. Elford, Mrs. L. Ethel, Mrs. J. Freeman, Mrs. W. Franklin, Mrs. L. Gooder, Mrs. J. H. Green, Mrs. J. Gardner, Mrs. J. H. Hinton, Capt. Hall, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. Col. Holmes, Mrs. L. Hooper, Mrs. S. Henderson, Mrs. B. John, Mrs. J. A. Keefer, Mrs. T. Lubbe, Mrs. H. Levy, Mrs. F. M. Leonard, Mrs. J. Langley, Mrs. L. Marion, Mrs. A. H. McCallum, Mrs. A. M. Martin, Mrs. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. H. Maynard, Mrs. S. McLaughlin, Mrs. H. Mowat, Mrs. C. Newbury, Mrs. Newby, Mrs. J. Nelson, Mrs. F. W. Nolte, Mrs. J. Norris, Mrs. L. Pither, Mrs. R. Porter, Mrs. C. T. Penwell, Mrs. A. Reid, Mrs. J. Rosenthal, Mrs. L. Rosenthal, Mrs. A. C. Routh, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. F. E. Smith, Mrs. W. G. Stebbins, Mrs. S. Spring, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. C. Spencer, Mrs. G. Spence, Mrs. G. R. Shuler, Mrs. H. Stadlagen, Mrs. R. Tennum, Mrs. C. H. Topp, Mrs. S. P. Tuck, Mrs. F. W. Valeau, Mrs. Capt. Whitley, Mrs. J. Walker, Mrs. O. Walker, Mrs. B. Woodell, Messrs. J. C. Newbury and W. Rundell.

Per Mrs. Le Page: Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Coker, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Le Page, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Leigh Turner, Miss Foster.

Per Mrs. Redfern: Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Crow Baker, Mrs. Goodeare, Mrs. Holstern, Mrs. Hibben, Mrs. E. M. Johnson, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Langworthy, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Redfern, Mrs. Robertson, Dix Ross, Mrs. Renouf, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Sayward, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Walburn, Mrs. Yorke, Mrs. Young.

Per Mrs. Royds: Mesdames Baxter, Gibson, Grimshaw, II., Johnson, Mess., S. T. Moody, F. Moherly, Pickling, Plumer, Phillips, Blod, C. Royds, J. F. Rickaby, A. Robertson, Mrs. Royds, Mrs. W. R. Vining, Mrs. A. W. Wallman, Mrs. P. Wollaston, Jr., K. P. Wollaston, the Misses Goward, Le-Rand, Mrs. Ramsdale, M. Williams, A. Williams.

The following is the annual report of the Home Sewing Society:

In presenting the annual report to the members of the Home Nursing Society, whose names I list below, I open the annual report to the new plan of operation for the coming year. Owing to the multiplicity of societies it has been decided to abandon the regular sewing meetings and request the attendance of any willing to help on this good work. On the second Monday in each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. Redfern, 60 Yates street, who has kindly consented to be at home to receive the garments made at home during the month and give out fresh work. This sewing society would feel grateful if any who have hitherto been unable to assist through lack of time would make this new departure a success by taking home work even if we were not able to meet monthly. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting which was to have been held at 291 Yates street on Monday, December 14, is postponed until further notice. Gifts of flannel, linen, print, etc., are always acceptable, and thanks are given to all who by their donations of money or material have helped on the work in the past. I am sure that the members will be gratified to learn that Mrs. MacMillan has for her useful donation of material received in 1903, also the Home Nursing Society for donation of \$10.00.

During 1903, 27 new garments have been made and given away to urgent cases, also a large number of made garments, donations from friends. To explain why only 27 garments have been made it should be mentioned that we have only been bold from January to Easter, with fewer workers than ever before.

The financial statement from December 16, 1903, is as follows:

Balance in hand .....\$1.15

From Christ Church charitable fund, 10.00

Mrs. C. F. Todd .....1.63

Nov. 15, 1902, H. N. Society .....5.00

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Expenses to date .....15.89

Balance in hand .....\$6.35

Committee: Miss Ramsdale (president), Mrs. Percy Wollaston (treasurer), Mrs. Royds and Miss Wollaston (vice-presidents).

LOUISA J. TOLLER.

At the conclusion of the meeting C. E. Redfern addressed those present and congratulated the society on the efficiency of its work and the satisfactory reports for the past year.

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had a remarkable yield of pumpkins from one vine. From one seed planted he has

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Bible Reading.—Bishop Perrin will conduct a Bible reading in the cathedral schoolroom this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Maccabees Meet.—Tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock in the A. O. U. W. hall the ladies of the Maccabees, Victoria Hive, No. 1, will meet.

Witnesses Arrive.—A large number of witnesses in the suit, Hopper vs. Dunsuir, now being tried in the Supreme court, arrived yesterday afternoon from California.

Church Service This Evening.—Archbishop Orth will this evening at 7:30 at St. Andrew's cathedral, officiate at the celebration of the feast of the immaculate conception, and deliver an appropriate sermon.

Entertainment Postponed.—The entertainment which was to have been held last night at Esquimalt in aid of St. Joseph's church has been postponed on account of the absence of Rear Admiral Blackford, C. M. G., and the vessels of the Esquimalt fleet as a result of the accident to H. M. S. Flora.

At Aged Woman's Home.—The I. C. C. Society will hold a social evening and auction sale of fancy work at the Home for Aged Women this evening at 8 o'clock. Mayor McCandless will preside, refreshments will be served and a good programme of music will be rendered.

Tax on Shingle Belts.—A deputation from the mainland to protest against the proposed tax on shingle belts is at the Dominion. It is made up of Henry T. Thrift, of Hazelton, and H. M. Stack and D. Hadden of Cloverdale.

Licensing Commissioners.—The regular sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners takes place in the police court tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. About eleven applications are to be dealt with.

Klug's Daughters.—The Victoria Chapter of King's Daughters intend holding a sale of fancy work and dolls at Angela college on Wednesday, December 12, at 3 p.m. Tea will be served. There will be an entertainment in the evening, for which a small admission fee will be charged.

Gospel Services.—Gospel services will be held at 8 o'clock each evening this week at Harmony hall as follows: Monday, speaker S. M. Okell; Tuesday, Rev. Dr. Osterheld; Wednesday, Rev. J. Connor; Thursday, Mrs. W. J. Knott and Mrs. Smith; Friday, Mrs. Agnew and Mrs. Gerow.

Sunday Evening Lectures.—R. H. Kneeshaw, who has recently returned from Texas, has resumed his course of lectures. In the A. O. U. W. hall on Sunday evening he spoke before a large audience on "The Philosophy of Death," the subject being suggested by one of the audience.

Endorsed Ralph Smith.—At a meeting of the Cowichan Liberal Association, held on Friday evening last, a resolution was adopted endorsing the candidature of Mr. Smith, M. P., for the approaching Dominion election. Every person present excepting the visitors, voted for this motion.

Pioneer Dead.—Another of the "Old Guard" has passed away in the person of Godfrey Kenmel, a colored pioneer resident, whose death occurred on Sunday. Decensed was 68 years of age. He was the owner of property on a corner opposite the B. C. Cathedral. The funeral will take place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, Douglas street.

Commercial Notes.—So great has been the success of Messrs. Carruthers, Dickson & Howe, showcase manufacturers, in Victoria, that the firm contemplates opening a branch at Vancouver. G. G. Meldram and R. H. Malony, proprietors of the Brown Jug saloon, have registered a partnership under the style and name of Meldram & Malony.

Debating Society Officers.—At the last meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. Lewis Hall; first vice president W. J. Hanmer; second vice president, Mr. Clarke; secretary-treasurer, D. Tait. It was decided, after some consideration, that the subject for next Saturday's debate would be the immigration of Chinese and Japanese.

Laid to Rest.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Chalmers took place yesterday afternoon from her parents' residence, Cadboro Bay road. A large number attended and many beautiful floral emblems were presented. The Rev. B. Blyth, B. A., assisted by the Rev. J. McCoy, M. A., and the Rev. Dr. Reid conducted the services, and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. D. K. Spragg, W. Scowcroft, W. Grahame and J. Oliver.

Seamen's Institute.—The manager of the Seamen's Institute thankfully acknowledged the receipt of reading matter during the month of November from the following: Miss Booth, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. William Atkins, Mrs. D. Holmene, Mrs. G. A. Hartland, Mrs. H. H. Vachel Koelle, the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Navy League (British Columbia Branch), Dr. D. B. Holden, M. D., Mr. J. C. Mackay, Mr. H. Burnett, Mr. David Ogilvy, Mr. W. B. Smith and the Colonist and Times, daily papers.

In Mother Earth.—There was a large attendance of friends at the funeral of the late Miss Gertrude Fanny Craft which took place on Sunday afternoon from the family residence, Craigflower road, at 2 o'clock, and at St. Savior's church at 2:30. Services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Barber at the church and grave. The full surpliced choir was in attendance and rendered appropriate hymns. The following acted as pallbearers: P. R. Brown, Jr., H. Norris, W. Jenkins, H. Monteith, E. L. Tait and J. H. McKay.

Improving Cowichan River.—The question of improving the Cowichan river so that Somenos lake would be lowered, thereby making it possible to utilize several thousand acres of land now flooded, was discussed in a recent meeting of the Cowichan Library Association and the relative responsibility of the Dominion and provincial governments in respect to such work was considered. A motion was adopted requesting Ralph Smith, M. P., to secure the services of the Dominion government engineer to make a survey and procure the necessary data for the purpose of ascertaining if the proposed work is feasible, as to which there seemed to be some doubt.

Island Mining.—Nicholas Tregear, manager of the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker, was in the city yesterday. He is very well satisfied with the outlook at the various island mining camps. Recently he visited Qatsin and inspected the work being carried out on the Yerka property under the control of Messrs. Green and Bellinger. He is sending a number of miners there to increase the output. This is done in view of the fact that shipments will begin to the smelter at Crofton within a few weeks, the steamer Venture entering upon that commission. At the Lenora the production continues to be up to the shipping capacity of the railway, and everything continues to look bright at Mount Sicker.

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School Board.—The regular meeting of the board of school trustees will be held tomorrow evening. This is the last statutory meeting of the board this year, and a considerable quantity of important business is to be transacted.

B. C. Pharmacists Meet.—The semi-annual meeting of the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Society met last evening on account of the absence of Rear Admiral Blackford, C. M. G., and the vessels of the Esquimalt fleet as a result of the accident to H. M. S. Flora.

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Missionary Sermons.—On Sunday interesting sermons were preached by Rev. J. P. Westman to large audiences at Strawberry Vale, South Saanich and Sidney. The offerings were liberal and are devoted to the missionary society of the church.

Dramatic Recital.—In the Congregational church this evening Miss DeVoe, of Seattle, dramatic reader and elocutionist, will give a recital. A strictly first-class entertainment is promised, a choice musical programme being prepared.

At St. Mark's Church.—The Ladies Working Society in connection with St. Mark's church is busily engaged in preparing for a sale of work, to be held on Thursday afternoon and evening next in aid of the Sunday school building fund. The sale will take place at the house opposite Tomlinson avenue, on the Saanich road.

The Orpheum.—Another exceptionally strong bill is shown this week. Miss Kate Rockwell opens the programme with her beautiful electric serpentine dance, followed by the popular children, Mr. Carl R. Hatch, the famous baritone, sings the beautiful song, "While the Convent Bells Were Ringing," illustrated with artistically colored slides. Jennings and Jewell, who were unable to arrive for last night's performance, will positively be here tonight. A notable feature in the way of improvements at this theatre is the large addition which has recently been made to the stage, it having been extended back about twenty feet.

The Majority.—Two mayoralty candidates for the forthcoming municipal contest are already in the field—Ald. G. H. Barnard and ex-Mayor C. E. Redfern. Though the names of these gentlemen have been mentioned in connection with the position it is generally believed that the contest will be confined to a straight test of strength between Ald. Redfern and Ald. Barnard.

A Correction.—Last Sunday week was received a letter from Mr. A. C. Galli of Rossland, with reference to the bungs imposed by our present laws upon the mining industry, and unfortunately a mistake was made as to the amount of dividends paid by the Coeur d'Alene mines, the figures being printed as \$12,109.87 when they should have read \$12,099.87.

Daughters of Ruth.—An interesting dance was held last night by the Daughters of Ruth. Sir William Wallace hall was well filled with dancers, and the committee had made excellent arrangements for the entertainment of the guests of the lodge. The music was very good and the floor smooth. In fact, all arrangements were perfect, and the dancers present had an enjoyable evening.

Amateur Orchestra.—A well-attended meeting was held at Dr. Cobbett's office yesterday afternoon at which it was decided to form an amateur orchestra organization. The following committee were appointed and active work will be started at the earliest possible date: Executive committee, T. A. Smith (chairman), Dr. Nash, H. Kent, G. Hicks, G. Jay, W. C. Sampson, J. Longfield, Dr. Dawie, Dr. Cobbett and E. N. Russell; musical committee, F. Watkiss, T. R. Smith, Dr. Nash, Dr. Cobbett and J. Longfield; conductor, F. Watkiss; librarian, H. Kent; secretary, Dr. Cobbett; treasurer, T. R. Smith.

A Good Advertisement.—Mr. Herbert Cutibert, secretary of the Tourist Association, is arranging for the despatch of specimens of flowers grown in mid-winter in this city to cities of the middle and Northwest where the snow lies deep on the ground, to show citizens of those cities the varieties of the horticultural climate of this city. He asks that those who can supply him with specimens of bunches of flowers, etc., grown outside at the present time, for despatch to Winnipeg, Brandon and other cities of the Northwest, will leave sample bunches at the rooms of the Tourist Association before Wednesday.

Sale and Lecture.—The Christ church Auxiliary will have a sale of work at its annual school exhibition on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when there will be stalls for useful clothing, fancy work, dolls, candies, etc. Tea will be provided. In the evening, at 8 o'clock, Mr. F. H. Tytler has kindly consented to give his lecture upon "India After the Mutiny." The lecture will be illustrated by a series of magic lantern slides from photographs which were taken at the time of the campaign. The lecture was given some time ago in the theatre, and if those who were present would make it known to their friends, there will be a large attendance, as it was of the greatest interest.

Police Court.—In the police court yesterday morning the case preferred against Charles Cooper, an old man of 70 years of age, of having plucked a chicken without going through the formality of killing the bird, was not gone on with, as Mr. Crease, attorney for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals under whose auspices the prosecution is being taken, was busy in the Supreme court. The case, the second on the same charge, was adjourned for a week. The magistrate did not render his judgment on the first case, reserving judgment until the second case is called. A drunk was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Lost in the Hills.—James Sprinkling, the well-known author and tailor, spent an unpleasant night on Sunday. He and Louis Young and Walter Jesse went hunting in Sooke hills and became separated. When six o'clock arrived and the train was coming on, Jesse and Young had gathered at the summit, but there was no sign of Sprinkling. He was lost. With Charles Wilson of this city, Mr. Young went out searching. They fired guns as they searched through the woods, but there was no answering shot. Sprinkling had wandered over the divide and did not hear the guns of the searchers. After a night spent wandering in the woods he came out in the vicinity of the Strathcona hotel and reached the city on the great train yesterday afternoon, little the worse for wear, but otherwise unharmed as a result of his night's wandering in the hills.

Organ Recital.—The second of the series of Advent organ recitals took place at St. John's church on Sunday evening after service, at which the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet preached an eloquent sermon on the careful study of the Bible. The sacred edifice was crowded, many having to stand. The organist, Mr. A. Longfield, played Welsh offertory in G. Dr. Spark's arrangement, and the concert piece was by Miss Eva Hamlin, who possesses a good soprano voice, singing "The Phans of Peace" in a manner that showed she had been well trained. Mr. William Hicks sang a new arrangement of "Near My



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## Legislative Assembly

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NIGHT SITTING.

On the House resuming at 8:30 p. m.

Mr. McInnes asked the Hon. Mr. Wilson,

the following questions:

1. Have any applications been made for Crown grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1903?

2. How many?

3. Have any Crown grants been issued under the said Act?

4. If so, to whom?

5. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

1. Yes.

2. No.

3. Answered by the answer of No. 3.

4. The matter is now receiving the attention of the department.

THE ASSESSMENT BILL.

The House went into committee of the whole on the adjourned consideration of the Assessment Act. Mr. Clifford, chairman.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved to withdraw all the sections of the bill from 9 to 29 inclusive, including everything pertaining to it was the 2 per cent mining tax, explaining it was the intention to introduce a bill to deal with this.

The Premier said the government's intention was to repeat the 2 per cent tax on ore and apply the tax in another way. They proposed to amend the Assessment Act, leaving out the section dealing with the 2 per cent tax. It might be within the province of this House to devise some more practicable method of taxing the mining industry, and the government would be only too well pleased to accept suggestions from the members. Any suggestions from the Kootenay members would receive the most careful attention. There could be no question as to the tremendous agitation which had been going on for four years regarding this tax.

Hon. Mr. Wilson mentioned that as regards the income tax that the Bank of England, when paying on consols, always deducted the income tax.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) said that if it was wrong to tax a bank on these heads it was wrong to tax individuals. He suggested that the committee rise at section 84, report progress, and ask leave to sit again. The bill will be continued at next sitting of the House.

The House adjourned at 10:40 p. m., until 2 p. m. today.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. McInnes asked the Hon. Mr. Wilson the following questions:

1. Has the government received any communications from the Federal authorities relating to the Acts passed by this legislature last session? If so, what is their purport?

2. Has the government any reason to believe that chapter 8 of the British Columbia Statutes, 1903, being an Act effecting the cancellation of certain Columbia & Western railway land grants, will be disallowed by the Federal authorities? If so, what is it?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

1. No. Communications on the subject have been received from the Federal authorities.

2. The government has no reason to believe that the Statute will be disallowed.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. Mr. Wilson the following questions:

1. How many temporary assistants (and the names of each) were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903?

2. How many permanent civil servants were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903, and the names of such civil servants?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

1. H. F. Richards, Vancouver; H. D. Morton, Duncan; G. E. Winkler, Victoria; E. Marshall, Ladysmith; C. Outseth, Kitimat; J. Down, Princeton; W. Armstrong, Trout Lake; N. Taylor, Trout Lake; W. J. Green, Kaslo; J. M. Corney, Kaslo; J. A. Mountfield, Fairview, all of whom have been discharged.

2. G. A. Sutherland, holder Inspector, Dept. of Lands, in the name of C. Booth, district registrar in the name of T. O. Townley, registrar; C. N. Haney, clerk in the name of F. Hartley, resigns; H. B. Cameron, clerk, Atlin (formerly employed temporarily); J. Hislop, mining record, Fort Steele in the name of L. Patmore, resigned.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Finance the following question:

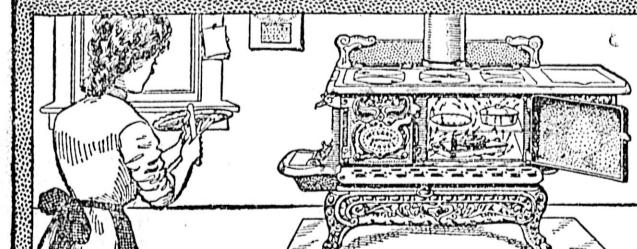
1. On what particular morning did the Hon. R. F. Green and the Hon. A. E. McPhillips receive travelling expenses, and what

Section 16 was amended by striking out

"When land is assessed against both the owner and occupant, or owner and tenant, the assessor shall place both names within brackets on the roll and shall write opposite the name of the owner the letter 'P' and opposite the name of the occupant or tenant the letter 'H' or 'T'"; and both names shall be numbered on the roll: Provided always, the taxes may be recovered from either the owner, tenant or occupant, or from any future owner, tenant or occupant, saving his recourse against any other person."

Regarding the taxation of life insurance companies, Mr. Dury pointed out that some of the benevolent orders were not doing on a regular insurance business and he could not see why they should be exempt.

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amount did each of those gentlemen receive on account of their particular journey since June 1st, 1903?

The Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows:

1. Mr. R. G. Tatlow travelled as follows:

From Athlone and Cassiar districts (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, back hire, etc.), \$395.

Traveling expenses to East and West Kootenay (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, etc.), \$222; back hire (sundry times), \$10.50.

Total, \$627.50.

Mr. E. McPhillips—Traveling expenses to and from Athlone and Cassiar districts (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, back hire, etc.), \$395; traveling expenses attending at Vancouver in cases of R. Cook and R. South, installing new registrar at Vancouver, and examining new work and staff at New Westminster RegISTRY OFFICE, and New Westminster, \$50; back hire (sundry times), \$8; traveling expenses, conducting assizes at Vancouver, \$103. Total, \$557.

Hon. C. Wilson.—Traveling expenses to and from Ottawa (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, parlor car, etc.), \$719.75; traveling expenses at present of course, \$100.

Hon. R. F. Green.—Traveling expenses to and from Vancouver (including railway and steamboat fares, berths, parlor car, etc.), \$69.75; traveling expenses to and from East and West Kootenay, \$140; back hire (sundry times), \$2.50. Total, \$82.25.

Mr. Evans asked the Hon. Mr. Provincial Secretary the following question:

Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates this session for a school house at Crofton?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

"Privilion will probably be made for the erection of a school house at Crofton in the estimates of 1904-1905."

## Local News

Will Run Again.—Questioned last evening by a Colonist reporter, both Ald. Dinsdale and Kinnsman announced that it was their intention to run again in the interest of North Ward at the approaching municipal elections. It is the general belief that all the present aldermen will be candidates.

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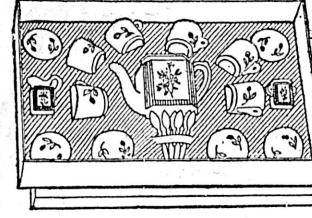
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After the disposal of the routine business accounts to the amount of \$83 were approved and ordered paid.

A thanksgiving offering of \$850 from H. J. Robertson, Chilliwack, was accepted with thanks.

Two applications for children for adoption were laid upon the table pending enquiries.

The pressing necessity for providing stoves during repairs to the heating apparatus was concurredly presented to the visiting ladies and referred to the general managers.

The resignation of Mrs. A. S. Goings, hon. secretary to the committee, through ill health, was accepted with regret and Mrs. William Burridge was appointed to the position.

The visitors for November reported all well and that the management and discipline in the home was quite satisfactory. Mrs. G. A. McTavish and Mrs. W. R. Higgins were appointed visitors for December.

It was agreed to have the usual Christmas entertainment in the home the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, December 23rd, directions for which will be respectfully accepted.

The matrons reported the receipt of the following donations in November, which are acknowledged with thanks:

1. Mrs. McGregor, girl's collarette; Mrs. Van Tassel, box apples; Miss Hazel Petherick clothing; Mrs. A. R. Milne, boy's clothing; Mrs. Chas. Todd, boy's clothing; Mr. and Mrs. Griggs, 10 pounds rolled oats; Excelsior Biscuit Company, box fancy biscuit; Mrs. Scowcroft, clothing; Miss Chamberlin, Menzies street, boy's clothing; Mrs. Riddlin, dry goods and clothing; Mrs. Keasey, clothing; friend, per Mrs. McTavish, clothing; Mr. Todd, Cedar Hill, half-ton of oak straw, box of pens; Mrs. Kelsos, jam and pickles; Mr. J. H. Todd, box of pears, clothing; and girl's hats; Mrs. McAvoy, gingham; Mrs. Higgins, girl's jelly; Mrs. Olson, butter and cream; Mrs. Lane, Oaklands milk; Mr. Johnson, tickets for theatre; Mrs. Munsey, clothing; Mrs. Scowcroft, milk; Mr. King, Cedar Hill, apples, pears, candy, sack of potatoes, two sacks vegetables; Mr. Maynard, Cadboro Bay road, one large chicken, one sack apples, one sack potatoes; Carpenters' Union, cheese, crackers and sandwiches; the Presbyterian church, Chilliwack, per H. J. Robertson, postal note, \$8.50; Spender's Arcade, boy's shirt waist; Lady Crease, \$3; Mrs. Richardson, \$1.50.

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The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the seventh day of December, 1903.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than the 17th day of December, 1903.

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Dated the 2nd December, A. D., 1903.

B. G. GOWARD,

Secretary Pacific Northern and Omicna Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting by us, the undersigned, Charles Robert Johnston and E. Harris, for a transfer of the License granted to us for the operation of the proposed railway, situated in the House-street Saloon, 85 Government street, in the City of Victoria, to us, the undersigned, Walter Arthur Millington and Frederick Leslie Wolfenden of the same city.

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## Legislative Assembly

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the fact that many of those institutions held, and might hold, large areas of land much more than they could use or wish to use, so that the clause that the clause should stand as it was. The minister of finance would insert a special clause dealing with agricultural societies. The clause accordingly stood over.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved the insertion of a new clause in place of sub-section 14, which ran to the effect that personality up to \$1,000 should be exempt. The new clause makes it \$500. Hon. Mr. Tatlow pointed out that the original amendment would have deprived the exemption of something like \$65,000 or \$70,000. The change he suggested, after consulting with the leading provincial assessors. He mentioned the case of Chinese fancy goods dealers whose assessments ranged from \$500 to \$1,000.

Mr. Cameron, speaking to sub-section 16 (exemption) "lands within the limits of any municipality," asked if the act meant to exempt municipal property within or without the limits of the municipality.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow and Hon. Mr. Wilson thought that if a municipality chose to invest its surplus savings outside the bounds of the municipality, it had a right to expect to be taxed.

Mr. Cameron enquired as to lands required for waterworks, and also for isolation hospital purposes, which were not speculative. Messrs. Drury and Macdonald (Rossland) contended that such works should be exempted.

Mr. Cotton thought this would work hardship in the case where one municipality had property within the limits of another municipality. He instanced the case of Vancouver having its waterworks in the municipality of North Vancouver.

A lengthy discussion took place on the clause (17) dealing with the exemption of the output of mineral and coal lands on which a royalty is reserved for the crown, to the extent of such royalty and no more. The sub-section stood.

Mr. Tanner (Saanich), moved in amendment, and it was duly incorporated, that settlers on agricultural and horticultural lands be exempt from taxation on the land for a period of two years from the date of the incorporation.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow moved that three new subsections be inserted.

Mr. McInnes asked that the various amendments being submitted by the government for insertion in the bill be spread upon the notes and proceedings, so that the members could have an opportunity of studying them. He pleaded ignorance of their scope and purport.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that they would be printed in an early edition and that it was important to push forward the bill as fast as possible. The bill would be several days going through, in which the amendment could be studied.

Mr. Oliver moved that the amendment be printed from 20 upwards.

Mr. McInnes gave the government full credit for their determination to increase the wild land tax. But he offered an amendment exempting permanent improvements on the land used for agricultural purposes up to the value of \$2,500. The decrease in the wild land tax would more than counterbalance the decrease in the tax, and it should be more carefully encouraged than the settler, the farmer. The lumberman left nothing behind after he had cut away the forests, which took centuries to reproduce themselves; the miner left nothing but a hole in the ground—his worked-out mine. On the other hand, the farmer added substantially to the permanent assets of the province.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow pointed out that the farmer had already several important exemptions, including the \$1,000 exemption from the wild land tax. If they went any farther this sort of thing would become class legislation.

Mr. Oliver asked the government if they had ever heard of any farmer in British Columbia who had a thousand dollars income.

Mr. Tanner said the farmer was the most valuable worker in any country, because his labor added to, and did not take from, the value of the province, the instance the steadily rising value of land as it was cleared by the farmer.

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## Liners Due Today From the Orient

Empress of India And Shawmut  
Are Both Expected From  
Yokohama.

Other Liners Due During This  
Week—Beacon Off Skeena  
Washed Away.

There are a number of liners due this week from the Orient, and today is expected to see the arrival of two of the fleet of six now on the way at the ocean docks. The R. M. S. Empress of India, which sailed from Yokohama eleven days ago for this port, is due today, and the steamer Shawmut, the big liner of the Boston Steamship Company, is due first return voyage from Manila since it was converted into a passenger vessel and placed in the Tacoma, Victoria and Manila service together with her sister vessel the Tremont. The Empress of India is bringing a cargo of 14,500,000 pounds measurement, including heavy shipments of silk and silk goods, the silk on board weighing 295 tons. She has only 50 tons cargo for Victoria, which, as usual, will be trans-shipped back from Vancouver. There are fifty saloon passengers on board and 276 steerage, of whom 50 are women. The steamer is bound for Philadelphia, of the Boston Steamship Company, which is also en route from Yokohama, is due on Tuesday next week, and the steamer Aki Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, is also due on the same day from the Japanese port, bringing 361 tons of freight and 127 Chinese passengers for this city. The steamer Indrapura of the Portland and Asiatic line, which left Yokohama on the 26th November, is also due this week, being expected on Friday. The steamer Ouna, of the China Mutual line, is coming to Victoria this trip via San Francisco.

### FROM COAST MINE.

Steamer Venture is from Island Mine With Cargo of Ore For Crofton.

Steamer Venture, Capt. Buckholtz, reached port yesterday on her first voyage from the Southern Cross mines on architectured Harbor Barlow, South, which are being developed by N. P. Sharpe and associates of this city. The Venture brought three hundred tons of very good looking ore, which carries gold, silver and copper, from the mine, and she left last night for Crofton to discharge her cargo at the Crofton smelter. She will also carry ore from the Yukon mine on Queen of Sons and will probably make a trip to that mine. Capt. Buckholtz reported that the staff at the Southern Cross mine are hard at work and will soon have another cargo in their bunkers at the sea front awaiting the coming of the Venture.

### HAS WASHED AWAY.

Beacon Placed on Watson Rock Off Skeena Has Disappeared.

Mariners who pass the mouth of the Skeena river report that the beacon which was recently erected by the H. G. S. Quadra at Watson Rock, has been washed away. This beacon, which was placed at Watson Rock, off Gibson Island at the mouth of the Skeena river, is considered the best of all the beacons in the region, and it is believed to have been altogether too small. It could hardly be seen. What is required, according to steamboatmen, is a large beacon with an occulting light, similar to that which marks Brotchie ledge.

### MARINE NOTES.

No contract has yet been awarded for the marine works. Many numbers of tenders have been received by the C. P. R. but none have yet been accepted for the repairs to the steamer. She was visited by a large number of spectators on Sunday. The tug Lorne towed the bark Lulu, lumber laden from Hastings mills, to see on Sunday, and last night she left for Vancouver with the British ship Pass of Killiecrankie, which has been discharging cargo at the Ocean docks.

Twice the Efforts of the Wreckers Result in a Failure.

Hawser Snapped and the Cruiser Settled Back on the Rocks.

H. M. S. Flora is still fast on the rocks at Village point, Denman Island, two attempts having been made to haul her off without success. Preparation are now being made to make another attempt on Wednesday at high water.

Mr. Stuart Henderson pointed out that in his part of the country great bands of horses were driven in from distant points and sold. They should also be taxed along with the cattle and sheep.

The government accepted the amendment and the tax was raised to 75 cents per head for cattle and horses and 25 cents per head for sheep.

The committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock until 8.30 p.m.

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## Improving the Telephone Service

Most Modern System Being Established in the Bank of Montreal Building.

Local Telephone Exchange Will Shortly Be Removed to New Quarters.

The telephone system of the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone Company, who will shortly move into their new headquarters in the Bank of Montreal building, is undergoing a thorough metamorphosis, and in a few weeks a much improved system will be in use—a system which will make the service in this city the most modern in the Northwest. Mr. J. W. McLean, engineer of the Bell Telephone Company in Montreal, is now hard at work erecting the new switch boards and installing all the appliances for the new system at the Bank of Montreal building, and by the commencement of February it is expected that the work will be about complete. Then the subscriber will no longer have to ring to call "central," for the act of lifting down the receiver will notify central of the call, and no longer the sweet voice will cut in and say, "Did you get them?" and other little things.

Conduits have been laid below the block paving of Bastion street, all in readiness for the removal of the telephone offices, and the staff at work, under the supervision of the expert from Montreal, are now preparing for the change. The cables containing the many wires from the city's telephones will enter the basement of the Bank of Montreal building, where there is a superintendent will have his office and pass into the main distributing rack-rack, which has a capacity of 5,000 "phones" and with room for addition. Here, in the basement, the dynamos and batteries are also installed, for the company will generate its own power. All the wires entering here are protected by lightning and from outside intruders, "sneak" currents, by a sneak current detector, which cuts off the switch boards from outside currents. Every power leading from storage batteries to the switch boards is protected, and in the fuse racks, which is also in the basement, an arrangement is made so that when any fuse blows out—as fuses will do—it rings an alarm at the switch board and also lights a pilot lamp, which allows the operator to adjust the trouble without the necessary search under the old system.

From the basement the cables are carried up through chutes, well protected from moisture, etc., into the rooms at the top of the building, where they are passed on over grating racks to the intermediary distributing frame and the relay racks, and thence the cables, with their multifiduous wires, are carried along to the half-circle switch board, where the "half-girls" will have their chairs facing the board, with the desk of the manager in the centre of the floor.

When the connections are completed—it is expected that the work will be complete at the beginning of February—when a subscriber lifts down the receiver this action will cause the little bell to ring immediately under his number to light up, seeing the light, the operator will pick up one of the double plugs, and, inserting it in the female terminal above the little light, she will place the other plug in the terminal of the number called for, and then nothing remains for central to do. The conversation goes on, and when the receivers are put up the lights flicker out, and she removes the two plugs. Under this system every number in the exchange will be below each operator, whereas at present, under the old style, it often takes two or three operators to pass the message one to another before the connection is made.

There are a number of other improvements in addition to make the switch board and appliances which are being placed in the new building by Mr. McLean the most improved service in this part of the country. The wires are all amply insulated, and in every way the most modern telephonic arrangements prevail. At present each subscriber has but two wires reaching central, whereas under the new service there are four.

When the company commences to move in a few weeks, the managers state that it will be necessary to cut out some of the subscribers for a few hours at different times in order to move the system.

As soon as the telephones can be secured, the new system will be placed in each subscriber's premises. Then,

too, plans are now being considered, says Mr. Kent, for a cable to give Victoria a telephone service with Vancouver.

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